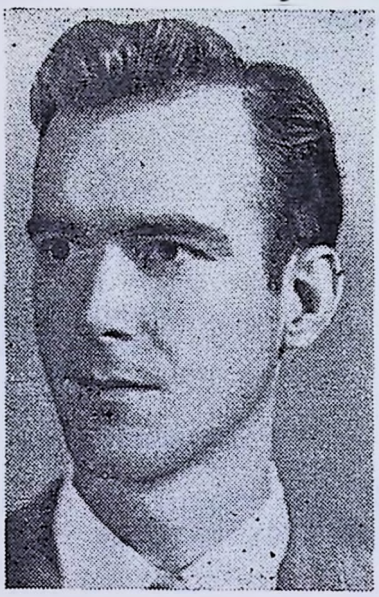
ELECT

A HARDROCK MINER

STATE MINE INSPECTOR



LEWIS M. JOHNSON

Descended from a Nebraska farm family, Mr. Johnson had to leave home at an early age to earn a living. For many years he worked as a hard-rock miner in the various mining camps of the west. He worked for a number of years in the copper mines of Miami, Arizona. **While working at Miami he was active in organizing the present miners union there, having received membership book No. 1.** During the war, having to quit the mines because of ill-health, he continued to do his part towards the war effort working at Goodyear Aircraft plant. At the present time Mr. Johnson is working at his trade as a sheet metal worker. Mr. Johnson is eminently qualified by experience and understanding to discharge the duties of State Mine Inspector.

Endorsed by

Miami Miners Union, Local 586 — Bisbee Miners Union, Local 551

PLEDGED TO A PROGRAM MINE WORKERS NEED

- **Strict enforcement of present state safety laws.**
- **Strengthen present state safety laws.**
- **Increase benefits and coverage under the Workmen's Compensation Act and Occupational Disease Law.**
- **A state law requiring installation of "metalic aluminum treatment" as protection against silicosis.**
- **Full cooperation of Inspector with Union Committees.**

Mr. Johnson is also pledged to work for the full program of the Communist Party which includes the fight for permanent peace, adequate housing, democracy, social security, effective price controls, and against racial discrimination and the so-called right-to-work amendment.

LEWIS M. JOHNSON..... ☒

COMMUNIST CANDIDATE FOR STATE MINE INSPECTOR

Communist Party Election Campaign Committee
716½ E. Washington St., Phoenix, Ariz.

MIAMI MINERS UNION

LOCAL NO. 586

BOX 1236 — PHONE 405
MIAMI, ARIZONA

October 16, 1946

Mr. Louis Johnson
2241 N. Richland
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir and Brother:

This is to inform you that this Local has gone on record to endorse your candidacy for State Mine Inspector.

Old time members of the Local recall of the important part you played in helping organize the miners in this district and are confident that you will continue to strive for the betterment of the working conditions of the mine and mill workers in the state.

Wishing you success in your campaign and the coming election, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

Cornelius Morrell

president, Cornelius Morrell

H. C. ALLEN
VICE-PRESIDENT

John Foley
PRESIDENT

Joe Bisho
SECRETARY

COPPER QUEEN MINERS UNION

Affiliated with the C.I.O.

LOCAL No. 551

P. O. BOX 551
BISBEE, ARIZONA

Oct. 462
Oct. 9, 1946

Mr. Lewis M. Johnson
2241 N. Richland
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you of the action taken by this local in regards to the letter recieved two weeks ago.

On Sept. 25, your letter was tabled until our next meeting . At the following meeting on Oct. 3, it was reread and this local went on record as supporting you in the coming election.

In all sincerity wishing you the best of luck and may our few votes help elect you.

Fraternally Yours
Henry Moore
Rec. Sec.

Copper Queen Local 551
Box 551, Bisbee Arizona.

MIAMI MINERS UNION

LOCAL No. 586

BOX 1236 — PHONE 405
MIAMI, ARIZONA

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December 30, 1946

Mr. Lewis M. Johnson
716½ E. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir and Brother;

Local 586 I. U. M. M. & S. W. is observing its fifth anniversary and dedicating its union hall on Saturday January 11, 1947 at 6:30 P. M.

International President Reid Robinson and Vice President Maurice Travis have accepted our invitation to be here.

As you were one of our first members and played an important role in establishing this local, we cordially extend you an invitation to be our guest on this occasion.

Fraternally yours,

MIAMI MINERS UNION #586

Robert B. Barcon

Robert B. Barcon, Pres.

RBB/ag

MIAMI UNION NEWS

Miami Miners Union Local 586 International Union Mine, Mill, Smelter

COST OF LIVING ACTION TAKEN

Rent Administrator Ordered To Area

Petitions which are now being circulated in this area by the Union have caused the Government to take action. Effective Dec. the First, there will be a Rent administrator here to see that all landlords comply with OPA orders freezing rents at the April levels. All workers who have had their rent raised since that date are urged to come into the Union Hall and fill out one of the protest blanks on rents.

The price petitions now have a large number of signatures on them, and will be sent to the OPA in a few days. These petitions requested that the Office of Price Administration send an investigator to the district to check on the amny reported price ceiling violations. Action is expected on this very shortly.

To the Men on the Hill:

You men on the Hill are dissatisfied, and we know it. You have greivances. We know that. But we must know what these greivances are. We can't guess what they are. If you have greivances, bring them to the Union. And remember, the Union is not something which figures out what your troubles are and then takes care of them. The Union is You and all the other men on the Hill, united in a group to act collectively. You have to bring your troubles to the attention of the group.

The men on the train crew were dissatisfied too, and they wanted something done about it. But nothing could be done by just griping. Nothing could be done until the men got together. When the men did get together in the Union Hall they decided what they wanted. They each contributed their ideas, and ended up with something they all liked. And negotiations are now going on with the Company to get them what they wanted-and they'll get it. Thats the way things are accomplished.

LOCAL ELECTIONS UNSETTLED

There is some doubt as to the finality of the local elections held last Wednesday. Candidates for only three of the nine executive board positions received majority votes. It is possible that runoff elections will be held in the other six offices. The decision will be made at the meeting of the local Wednes day night.

The three offices that are definitely filled are Recording Sec. which was won by Lewis Johnson, Financial Sec., which Joaquin Ortiz will again handle, and Warden, with Joe Valentine again chosen.

But in the races for President, Vice-Pres., conductor, and 6, 12, and 18 month trustees, there may be new elections. If so, they will be between Harvey Lawrence and F.N. Wood for Pres., Jesse Sutton and Clyde Sparks for Vice Pres., Ralph Haynie and Mack Dean for Conductor, R.K. Hooper and Manuel Sierras for 6 month trustee N.E. Lawrence and Claude Smith for 12 month trustee, and C.H. Riggs and J.A. Hancodk for 18 month Trustee.

In the vote on the International officers, the locals endorsement of Reid Robinson for President was followed by a resounding majority for Robinson, while his two opponents scored a total of only nine votes.

The other men endorsed, Ora Wilson for Vice Pres, James J. Leary for Secretary-Treas., and Ralph Rasmussen for Board Member f from our district, number two, were also strongly favored.

MIAMI OPERATORS ELECTION ORDERED

An election order dated Nov. 13 has been received from the NLRB The order states that there will be an election for the Miami Copper Operating engineers within thirty days. This means that between now and Dec. 12 the Miami operators will choose between the CIO and the AFL, as "no union" will not be on the ballot. United We Stick- Divided We're stuck- vote for one union and unity-CIO.

COPPER MERRY-GO-ROUND

Miami Copper needs men. So Miami Copper gives five day layoffs. Miami Copper needs men. So iami Copper brings miners from the Army. Meanwhile, the Army drafts ore miners. Phooey.

HIGH GRADE

Maybe Someone ought to give ARMSTRONG a tear-gas gun and put him on the local Gestapo. He seems to enjoy pushing people around as much as they do..... "Strong arm" looks like a pretty good nickname for him at that.....

DOUBLE CHECK

Goddam them, son! Goddam them all!
I'm sixty-five today
And they have kicked my rump around
From Brooklyn to Bombay
What's that you say? Torpedoes
From a German Submarine?
Why, I was blasted once before
In 1917
Don't push me, lad, I'm sixty-five
I sailed around the Horn
And knew the girls in Singapore
Before you kids were born.

I'm drunk you say? The old mans cracked?
The ship is going down?
Unless you shove me in the boat
I'll stay aboard and drown
Move over then, I'll show you what
I've been through this before
I'm getting sick and tired of these
Indignities of war

Aye, there are educated men
Who never go to sea
And spend their time inventing things
To kill the likes of me
And they live richly on the land
Secure from every storm
With Scotch and bourbon on the shelf
And dames to keep them warm
And they have no respect for age
Or anything alive
To try to drown a poor old man
The day he's sixty-five

For fifty lousy years or more
I've sailed upon the seas
And all I have to show for it
Is dirty dungarees
Complaining? Yes. Who wouldn't kick
I'll always give full measure
In work or war and duty
But I'm damned if it's a pleasure
Patriotic? Listen here my boy
I'll keep them sailing free
And no damned Nazi submarine
Can scare me off the sea

But once I asked the owner
To install a ventilator
'Tis communistic talk, he said
And you're an agitator
And once they gave me thirty days
And fifty dollars fine
For carrying a banner
In a Union picket line

Shut up, you say? The past is past?
Well, truly, son, I doubt it
The past is always on your neck
And thats whatts wrong about it
Aye, some men would forget the past
Because it's so unpleasant
But adding up the past, you know,
Is how we get the present.

Morale, you say, and win the war
I've bet my flesh and bone
That this damn war is different
And the peoples very own
I signed aboard that freighter, son
And climbed into my bunk
With full and certain knowledge
It was liable to be sunk.

It gripes me to be conscious
If we went to Davey Jones
Some owner would make profit
On the marrow of my bones
But I'm counting on the people, son
To guarantee the war
And see that everybody gets t
The things we're fighting for

My life has been a washout
From the time I was a kid
And more from what was done to me
Than anything I did
Aye, once I tried to beat their game
And saved up quite a poke
And banked it for the future
But the goddam bank went broke

My fault, you say, and I'm to blame
Aye, no man is so blind
As he who sits and kicks his own
Quite innocent behind
You can't accuse the world, you say
Because your luck was bad
No accident or gamble can
Explain the luck I've had

My work was more, my profit less
Than any man alive
And now they're trying to drown me
At the age of sixty-five
You're asking who I mean by they
Well, bless my guiding star
'Tis your young generation, son
Who'll find out who "they" are

Myown sad generation toiled
Its weary life away
Just vaguely understanding
There was a "we" and "they"
Aye, "they" built Mr. Hitler up
Financed his war machine
And sent those rats to sink me
In a Nazi submarine

By God, I've seen Hoboken cops
Show more respect for drunks
Than I receive at sixty-five
From those young Nazi punks

Look sharp now, son! She's going
The stern is lifting high
She's pointing her propeller
At the blueness of the sky
How slow she sinks- with dignity
She's waving us goodbye
I'd rather see my soul in Hell
Than watch a good ship die

Goddam them son, Goddam them all
The murdering men called "they"
Who nursed and fed the Nazi beast
And made us all its prey

They've killed a gallant lady
With their homicidal arts
And cast her loving sons adrift
With vengeance in their hearts

By MIKE QUIN